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FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA 3196 ACTION SECSTATE INFO PARIS,
ISTANBUL, AND IZMIR DATED APRIL 25, 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 3196

PARIS FOR DEA, JOHN WARNER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, TU, OTRA (FALCO, M.)
SUBJ: VISIT OF SENIOR ADVISOR FALCO

REF: STATE 097345 (NOTAL)

1. DURING CALL AT MFA APRIL 25, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY
FILIZ DINC MEN, COUNSELOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NARCOTICS
MATTERS IN MFA, THAT TIMING OF MS. FALCO'S VISIT TO TURKEY HAS
CREATED SOME DIFFICULTY. MS. DINC MEN SAID GOT IS PLEASED
MS. FALCO WISHES TO OBSERVE TURKISH CONTROL PROGRAM. SHE
ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT AT THE INITIATIVE OF MFA, THE GOT HAS
UNDERTAKEN AN AS YET UNFINISHED REVIEW OF ALL NARCOTICS-RELATED
PROGRAMS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PRESENTLY BEING
CONSIDERED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO
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PRIMIN ECEVIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MS. DINC MEN OFFERED HER
PERSONAL OPINION THAT ECEVIT WILL HAVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
MAKE A DECISION WITHIN TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

2. MS. DINC MEN SAID SHE DISCUSSED THE VISIT OF MS. FALCO WITH
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HER SECTION, SELCUK KORKUD, WHO TOOK
THE QUESTION OF THE VISIT TO HIGHER LEVELS IN THE MINISTRY.

THESE UNIDENTIFIED HIGH LEVEL MFA OFFICIALS ASKED THAT VISIT BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER PRIMIN ECEVIT HAS MADE HIS DECISION. MS. DINCMEN STRONGLY AFFIRMED THAT GOT WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE MS. FALCO AT A LATER TIME. SHE ADDED THAT GOT APPRECIATES THE COOPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN RECENT YEARS AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY USG.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF ATTEMPTED TO DRAW OUT DETAILS OF PROPOSAL WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO PRIMIN ECEVIT AS WELL AS REASONS TIMING OF UPCOMING VISIT IS INCONVENIENT. WHILE NO SPECIFIC ANSWERS WERE GIVEN, WE BELIEVE GOT MAY HAVE TWO CURRENT CONCERNS. VISIT OF MS. FALCO WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GAIN SOME PRESS ATTENTION AND MAKE NARCOTICS ONE MORE PUBLIC ISSUE FOR GOT WHICH ALREADY FACES MAJOR INTERNAL PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, VISIT IN ADVANCE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF MODIFIED PROGRAM COULD LEAD TO PRESS SPECULATION THAT AMERICANS DICTATED REVISIONS TO GOT.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS MS. FALCO DELAY VISIT UNTIL AFTER NARCOTICS PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED. WE BELIEVE THAT VISIT IN JULY OR EARLY AUGUST (WHEN HARVESTING WILL BE IN PROGRESS) WILL BE AS USEFUL AS VISIT NOW (WHEN POPPY PLANTS ARE EMERGING LATE BECAUSE OF UNUSUALLY COOL, WET SPRING WEATHER). SPIERS UNQUOTE VANCE

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